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Applicants:

F. BIOLLEY

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For:

O 3600 MAIL ROOM HYBRID RISER OR PIPE FOR FLUID TRANSFER

Group Art Unit:

3672

Examiner:

Pechhold, A.

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

October

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 11, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1 and 13 as follows:

1) (twice amended) A pipe for great water depths (D) allowing transfer of a fluid between a floating support (1) and a point located below and at a distance from the water surface, characterized in that it comprises:

a flexible riser part (7) connected, at one end, to the point located below the surface, and

a rigid riser part (6) connected to the flexible riser part at one end and to the floating support at the second end thereof,